
April 28-29, 2011: Proposed Dates for Next MCSF Designated Representatives Meeting

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Dear MCSF Designated Representatives:

I have now heard from eight of nine jurisdictions regarding availability for an April meeting. Taking into account the feedback I've received regarding various commitments from Designated Representatives, as well as Easter week, it looks like April 28-29 are the meeting dates that will work best for the group. If possible, I'd ask each of you to include these dates in your calendars. We're planning to host the meeting in Pohnpei, which will be the site of the 15th MCES. For participants arriving from the West, you should plan to arrive in Pohnpei on Wednesday, April 27, and depart on Saturday, April 30. Participants arriving from the East should plan to arrive Pohnpei on Tuesday, April 26, and depart on Friday, April 29.

I'll be in touch with more specific information as the dates near. For now, I just wanted to send this message asking you to save the proposed meeting dates, or to let me know if a conflict arises.

Thanks,
Jason

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Joanne:

I'm going to answer your question in two parts, since you've addressed both upcoming meetings.

(1) The primary focus of communications around the Designated Representatives' meeting was to confirm workable dates and to do our best to avoid conflicts. We've now settled on a meeting in Pohnpei to be held April 28-29, 2011. For you that would imply leaving Guam on Wednesday, April 27, and returning on Saturday, April 30. The agenda for that meeting will be formulated and a draft will be circulated for all of the DRs and other participants as we get closer to the meeting date, but it will focus on items that were identified at the exit meeting from the 15th MCES held in Palau, including:

- A significant emphasis on reforming/modifying the format and approach of the Summits;
- Addressing the structure and substantive focus areas of the committees formed (or to be formed) for the MCES;
- Oversight of the MCSF inception award as it has progressed up to the time of our DR meeting;
- Next steps for the MCSF going forward, in particular, after June 13th 2011 when the Graduate School's contract is scheduled to end;
- Specific preparation in assistance to the hosts for the upcoming 16th MCES; and
- Other issues as identified by DRs on behalf of their jurisdictions.

Bullets (1) and (2) should be informed by the results of a committee review which began in Palau and will be shared with DRs in draft form in advance of the meeting. Please let me know if you have any comments or concerns as we get closer to the scheduled DR meeting date. In case it isn't clear, note that the Chief Executives will not be directly involved in this meeting. Of course, we would expect the DRs to be working in consultation with their principals prior to the meeting as appropriate.

(2) For the 16th MCES, the notional scheduling could be as early as June or as late as July or August. The timing is currently being discussed by the FSM and Pohnpei State. Typically the hosting jurisdiction, (or, in the case of FSM and Pohnpei hosting together, jurisdictions) take the lead on setting the date. I will be assisting them as requested in this process but can't provide any additional information at this stage. To the extent that you are aware of conflicts in Governor Calvo's schedule, it would be appropriate to share that with the FSM and Pohnpei DRs. As you can imagine, scheduling an MCES around busy schedules, to avoid as many conflicts as possible with the schedules of the Chief Executives, is among the most challenging of tasks faced by the host jurisdictions.

Please let me know if I can provide additional information.

Regards,
Jason

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